

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT***A Tradition of Service*

DATE: August 11, 2010

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. FO2250014

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER  
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**  
**DEPUTY ANDREA N. SANDOVAL # [REDACTED]**  
**EAST LOS ANGELES STATION**

On August 24, 2009, at 1819 hours, Deputies Lopez and Sandoval responded to a call for service at Fetterly Ave. and Verona Street. The text of the call stated, FH/50, light-colored shirt, blue shorts, with a knife, chasing a male, westbound on Verona.

Deputy Lopez drove to Fetterly Ave., just south of Whittier Boulevard where they observed Suspect Caudillo walking in the middle of the street, E/B across Ferris Avenue, covered in blood and holding a seven-inch knife.

Deputy Lopez ordered Suspect Caudillo to drop the knife. When she refused, Deputy Lopez directed Deputy Sandoval to deploy the stunbag shotgun. Deputy Sandoval fired two rounds at Suspect Caudillo's torso. Suspect Caudillo dropped the knife in the street. When Suspect Caudillo, who was still standing, bent over to pick up the knife, Deputy Sandoval fired two more rounds, one of which struck Suspect Caudillo on the left side of her face. Suspect Caudillo fell backwards onto the pavement where she was handcuffed without further incident.

On July 22, 2010 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Andrea N. Sandoval # [REDACTED] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by Deputy Andrea N. Sandoval # [REDACTED] in this incident were within Department Policy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric B. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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[REDACTED] ..... FH [REDACTED]

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Cynthia Caudillo ..... Bkg. #2032122

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- A. LASD Complaint Report, URN 409-10141-02840-052, authored by Deputy Sandoval
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Incident Information									
URN: 4 0 9 - 1 0 1 4 1 - 0 2 8 4 - 0 5 2					Date: 8/24/09		Time: 1819		
Location:		South Ferris Ave.			City or Station:		East Los Angeles		
Bureau/Station/Facility:		East Los Angeles			Admin. Investigation: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Type of Force:		Stunbag Shotgun, Impact Weapon to Head, Fracture							
Deputy Injury: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Suspect Injury YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation		<input type="checkbox"/> Detail		<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit		<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		Person Notified: Lt. Scott Brickert		Emp: [REDACTED]		IAB Roll Out: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Involved Employee									
E 1	Employee #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		
	[REDACTED]		Sandoval		Andrea		N.		
	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female		Race: H		Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 24		
	Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Age: [REDACTED]		Height: 5'04"		Weight: 170
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E	Employee #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Race:		Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
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	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Race:		Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
	Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Age:		Height:		Weight:
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Additional Involved Employees									
On Duty Supervisor									
Emp. #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Rank	
[REDACTED]		Wall		Keith		A.		Sgt.	
								Present YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
								Witness to Incident YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Emp. #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Rank	
								Present YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
								Witness to Incident YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Watch Sergeant									
Emp. #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name			
[REDACTED]		Hailey		Richard		D.			
Watch Commander									
Emp. #		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name			
[REDACTED]		Dane		Sean		J.			

Watch Commander (Print Name)

Scott Hill

Watch Commander's Signature:

[REDACTED]

Emp #:

Date

Supervisor Completing Form: (Print Name)

Emp #:

Copy Provided to Employee by:

Emp #:

Unit Commander (Print Name)

Unit Commander's Signature:

Emp #:

Date

DISCOVERY Use Only

FO#

Original: Discovery Unit  
Copy: Unit Commander

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## Method

(AW) Arwen	(FH) Firearm (Handgun)	(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(BC) Baton: (Control)	(FR) Firearm (Rifle)	(RS) Resistance
(BI) Baton: (Impact)	(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)	(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(BF) Bodily Fluids	(FO) Firearm (Other)	(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(CN) Canine	(FB) Flashbang	(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(CR) Carotid Restraint	(FL) Flashlight	(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(CH) Choke Hold	(OE) Other Weapon: Edged	(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)	(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle	(SP) Sap
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)	(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object	(SH) Shield
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)	(OO) Other Weapon: Other	(SG) 37mm Stinger
(CE) Chemical	(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)	(SB) Sting Ball
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)	(ST) Stun Bag
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)	(TR) Taser
(EX) Explosives	(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)	(UC) Uncooperative

## Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion	(DB) Dog Bite	(PA) Paralysis
(BR) Bruise	(FR) Fractures	(PW) Puncture Wound
(BU) Burn	(GS) Gunshot	(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(CP) Complaint of Pain	(HB) Human Bite	(ST) Sprain/Twists
(CO) Concussion	(LC) Lacerations	(UN) Unconscious
(DH) Death	(ND) Nerve Damage	(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(DI) Dislocation	(OD) Organ Damage	(NN) NONE

**Body Part Injured**

(AD) Abdomen	(FA) Face	(HI) Hip
(AK) Ankle	(FE) Feet	(IN) Internal
(AR) Arm	(FI) Fingers	(KN) Knees
(BK) Back	(GE) Genitals	(LE) Leg
(BT) Buttocks	(GR) Groin	(NK) Neck
(CH) Chest	(HD) Hands	(NO) Nose
(EL) Elbow	(HE) Head	(SH) Shoulder
		(WR) Wrist

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information											
<b>S</b> 1	Last Name		Caudillo		First Name		Cynthia		Middle Name	nmn	
	AKA Last Name		none		First Name				Middle Name		
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female		Race:	H		Street Address:		City:		State & Zip Code:		
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Age:	51	Height:	5'02"	D.O.B.	09-13-1957	Weight:	150
Armed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Booking #:		2032122		Primary Charge Code:		245(a)(1) PC		Secondary Charge Code:		Criminal History	
EMT in attendance? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Name: Garcia & Yates (LACFD) Unit: Engine Co. #3 Phone #: Unk.											
Hospital Admission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: LCMC Coroner Case #: Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>											
By Doctor: Tray Sheen M.D. Address: 1200 N. State Street, Los Angeles, 90033 Phone #: (323) 409-1000											
Under Influence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Substance: Unk. type drug Mental Illness <input type="checkbox"/>											
Suspect Interview											
Date:		08-25-2009		Time:		0355		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/>		ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS <input type="checkbox"/>	

Suspect Information											
<b>S</b>	Last Name				First Name				Middle Name		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				Middle Name		
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Race:			Street Address:		City:		State & Zip Code:		
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Age:		Height:		D.O.B.		Weight:	
Armed?		<input type="checkbox"/>									
Booking #:				Primary Charge Code:				Secondary Charge Code:		Criminal History <input type="checkbox"/>	
EMT in attendance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Name: Unit: Phone #:											
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>											
By Doctor: Address: Phone #:											
Under Influence: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Substance: Mental Illness: <input type="checkbox"/>											
Suspect Interview											
Date:				Time:				<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/>		ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS <input type="checkbox"/>	

Suspect Information											
<b>S</b>	Last Name				First Name				Middle Name		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				Middle Name		
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Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Age:		Height:		D.O.B.		Weight:	
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EMT in attendance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Name: Unit: Phone #:											
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>											
By Doctor: Address: Phone #:											
Under Influence: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Substance: Mental Illness: <input type="checkbox"/>											
Suspect Interview											
Date:				Time:				<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/>		ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Supervisor's Report on Use of Force**  
**EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**  
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**Employee Witnesses**

Emp. # [REDACTED]	Last Name Lopez	First Name Oscar	Middle Name L.
Emp. # [REDACTED]	Last Name SooHoo	First Name Alan	Middle Name nmn
Emp. # [REDACTED]	Last Name Parra	First Name Edelmira	Middle Name nmn
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

**Non-Employee Witnesses**

Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	Middle Name [REDACTED]	Age 64	D.O.B. [REDACTED]
Street Address [REDACTED]	City [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]	Work Ph. [REDACTED]	Home Ph. [REDACTED]
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
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Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

☐ Additional Witness

## INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE

**SUSPECT:** CAUDILLO, Cynthia, Bkg. #2032122, FH/52, 5'02" / 150 lbs.

**INVOLVED PERSONNEL:** SANDOVAL, Andrea N., Emp. # [REDACTED]

**SWORN WITNESSES:** LOPEZ, Oscar L., Emp. # [REDACTED]  
SOOHOO, Alan, Emp. # [REDACTED]  
PARRA, Edelmira, Emp. # [REDACTED]

**CIVILIAN WITNESS:** [REDACTED] FH/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**DATE AND TIME:** August 24, 2009, 1819 Hrs., Monday

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] S. Ferris Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90022

On August 25, 2009, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Scott Hill responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding a suspect who suffered a fractured jaw. The fracture was the result of a stunbag shotgun deployment, refer to Exhibit "A" SH-R-49, that occurred on August 24, 2009. The delay in response by IAB personnel was due to a late diagnosis by LCMC physicians.

### SYNOPSIS:

On August 24, 2009, at 1819 hours, Deputies Lopez and Sandoval responded to a call for service at Fetterly Ave. and Verona Street, Tag 293 (Refer to the Incident Details, Exhibit "C"). The text of the call stated, FH/50, light-colored shirt, blue shorts, with a knife, chasing a male, westbound on Verona.

Deputy Lopez was Deputy Sandoval's [REDACTED] officer. Deputy Sandoval was in her second month of patrol [REDACTED]

Upon their arrival at the location persons in the neighborhood pointed out Suspect Caudillo's last seen direction. Deputy Lopez drove to Fetterly Ave., just south of Whittier Blvd. where they observed Suspect Caudillo, covered in blood, holding a seven-inch knife (Refer to a photograph of the knife, Exhibit "E"). Suspect Caudillo was walking in the middle of the street, E/B across Ferris Ave.

After developing a tactical plan, Deputy Lopez ordered Suspect Caudillo to drop the knife. When she refused, Deputy Lopez directed Deputy Sandoval to deploy the stunbag shotgun. Deputy Sandoval deployed the stunbag shotgun initially firing two rounds at Suspect Caudillo's torso.



Suspect Caudillo dropped the knife in the street. When Suspect Caudillo, who was still standing, bent over to pick up the knife, Deputy Sandoval fired two more rounds, one of which struck Suspect Caudillo on the left side of her face (Refer to a photograph of Suspect Caudillo's injury, Exhibit "F"). Suspect Caudillo fell backwards onto the pavement where she was handcuffed without further incident.

Suspect Caudillo suffered a fractured left jaw as a result of the beanbag's impact.

## **INTERVIEWS:**

### **Involved Employee**

**Andrea N. Sandoval, Emp. # [REDACTED]**

Deputy Sandoval was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Scott Hill and Lieutenant Scott Brickert on July 8, 2010, at 1603 hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Sandoval's recorded interview.

On August 24, 2009, Deputy Sandoval was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. She was a [REDACTED] assigned to [REDACTED] Deputy Oscar Lopez.

Deputy Sandoval said;

We received an emergent call of a female with a knife. The general area was going to be last seen walking eastbound on LaVerne. We had assisting units that were also assigned to the call . . . just check the area for her. As we were driving eastbound on Verona, we got flagged down by several citizens saying that there was a female covered in blood, with a knife. She was [going] that way. The direction they pointed was eastbound. We continued to drive eastbound. We advised the units that were also looking for her that she was last seen eastbound on Verona, NFD (no further description). We received radio traffic from an assisting unit that she was last seen northbound on LaVerne and then he said, "She's going to be walking westbound through the alley [south] of Whittier Boulevard" and he's going to be following her. So we said, "Okay, we're on our way to you." We went there, he was in front of us, we were behind him. As we're driving through the alley, he cuts to [the south], refer to Exhibit "G" Aerial photograph. We had [the] unit that was in front of us take [a] position here (refer to the X on Exhibit "G"). So that she doesn't go this way (south). There's a unit up here on Whittier Boulevard, blocking traffic. And then there's another unit way off at the other end of the block. To not allow any traffic through [the alley], but they're offset so that they . . . [were not in the line of fire].

After Suspect Caudillo was handcuffed, Deputy Lopez told Deputy Sandoval that he had arrested her on previous occasions. Deputy Sandoval stated Deputy Lopez hadn't recognized her because she was covered with blood. Deputy Sandoval said;

You were unable to see her facial structure, because she had like blood everywhere. She just looked like, like a scene from Carrie. I mean she was just covered in blood from her head, her hands, her arms, everywhere.

Deputy Sandoval said Deputy Lopez gave her some directions;

He said, "Grab the Taser." So I went to the trunk to grab the Taser and he's like, "No, no, no, grab the stunbag. It's not going to reach." So I said, "Okay." So I went over and I grabbed the stunbag and I positioned, we positioned ourselves by our vehicle.

We gave her several orders to stop. She continued to walk away from us and then she stopped and she was yelling, I don't know what she was yelling, she was just yelling like fuck this and you know, profanities and stuff like that. She gets to about the middle of the street, almost like the sidewalk area, she turns around and she's looking at us. We tell her you know, "Drop the gun, drop the knife, drop the knife." We all have guns on her.

I had the stunbag. So they're like, "Drop the knife, drop the knife." Everybody's yelling at her, "Drop the knife, drop the knife." She's just screaming. I see her as she starts to turn and she starts to walk toward us and then the closest deputy to her is approximately like ten feet (Deputy SooHoo, parked in the street south of Suspect Caudillo).

Deputy Sandoval said Deputy Lopez gave her the following instructions, "If she [takes] a step toward us, if she [becomes] aggressive, go ahead and fire the rounds.

Deputy Sandoval said;

I don't want her to gain distance, because I understand that she can gain distance rapidly if she starts to run toward her. So I fire one shot aiming at center mass. It strikes her somewhere on her torso area. She doesn't drop the knife. [We] gave her more orders, "Drop the knife, drop the knife, drop the knife." She doesn't drop the knife. [I] fire one more shot. This shot I believe it hits her torso like mid arm area. She drops the knife.

**IAB Note:** Deputy Sandoval estimated her distance from Suspect Caudillo at thirty to forty feet.

We tell her, "Lay on the ground." We're giving her orders you know, "Don't move." This and that. She doesn't pay attention. She starts reaching for the knife. [I] fire one more shot. I think that one hits her like on her leg, but same center mass type area.

She still continues to reach for it (the knife). I fire the last shot, which strikes her on the face and then knocks her to the ground. When she falls down, she falls backwards and hits her head (on the street surface) and then that's when the deputies on this side (Northwest), they were actually on the street, walk up toward her, they flip her over and then they handcuffed her.

Deputy Sandoval stated she aimed at Suspect Caudillo's center mass. She stated she did not aim at Suspect Caudillo's face.

Deputy Sandoval was asked if she gave any warning to the other deputies in the containment prior to deploying the stunbag shotgun. She said, "Actually, I wouldn't remember."

### **Employee Witnesses**

**Oscar L. Lopez, Emp. #** [REDACTED]

Deputy Lopez was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Scott Hill and Lieutenant Scott Brickert on July 8, 2010, at 1538 hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Lopez' recorded interview.

On August 24, 2009, Deputy Lopez was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. He was a fifteen-year department veteran. Deputy Lopez was Deputy Sandoval's [REDACTED] The two had been working together for two months.

At 1819 hours, they received a radio call of a woman armed with a knife chasing a man. While en route to the call, pedestrians pointed out where the suspect was last seen. A sister unit advised Deputy Lopez that the suspect was walking northbound on Verona Street.

**IAB Note:** Deputy Lopez was uncertain as to the Suspect's exact direction of travel.

Ultimately, Deputy Lopez and Deputy Sandoval located Suspect Caudillo in the 900 block of South Ferris Ave. She was walking westbound in an alley toward Ferris Street. She exited the alley and began walking across Ferris Street. Deputy Lopez said, "I remember her arm being covered in blood and blood dripping off the knife." Deputy Lopez described the knife as a "butcher knife."

Deputy Lopez said;

The deputy in the car in front of us [was] yelling at her you know, "Drop the knife, drop the knife." She turns around. She looks at us like this. I can see, I mean her whole, she's covered in blood. Her whole head, her face, her clothes, her arms, the knife. So I could already tell you know, this isn't going well. So I . . . start telling Deputy Sandoval, "When we stop, go to the trunk and get the stunbag out. I'm going to cover you with lethal force, while you cover her with the less than lethal and then you know, we'll go from there. We'll give her commands. We'll see what happens."

**IAB Note:** Deputy Lopez stated he had ruled out using the Taser because of it's limited range.

Just by the look in her face, she had this wild, crazy look. You can already tell that you know, this isn't going to go well. So we're telling her, "Drop the knife, drop the knife."

She's not. She just keeps walking away from us. She gets out of the alley [and] starts crossing the street.

She turns around, she faces us, we exit the car, she stops. Again give her several commands to drop the knife. She ignores our commands. She takes a step toward us, [I] tell Sandoval you know, "Fire."

We were right at the mouth of the alley (Refer to the Aerial Photograph, Exhibit "G") and she was . . . in the middle of the street. So I'm going to say it was over twenty-five feet, like thirty feet maybe. She fires one shot, has no effect and she, I mean she hits her pretty much center mass. And she just you know, she still looks like she wants to come toward us. Sandoval fires again, hits her in the torso again and she drops the knife. She drops the knife. She bends forward to pick it up. Sandoval fires again, I'm not sure if she hit her or not that time, but she kept, she kept going for the knife. Sandoval fires a fourth time and that's the one that struck her in the jaw. And as soon as it hit her, I mean she literally flew off her feet. Fell backwards, hit the back of her head on the concrete. She's very dazed at that point. Deputies went up, hooked her up and that was the end of the problem.

Deputies Craig and Parra handcuffed Suspect Caudillo. Deputy Lopez requested paramedics. Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine Company Three responded and treated Suspect Caudillo.

Deputy Lopez stated he has had prior contacts with Suspect Caudillo and her [REDACTED]. He stated he has arrested both for various charges. Deputy Lopez said, "She's okay, as long as she's sober. When she gets high, she goes crazy." Deputy Lopez stated some of the blood covering Suspect Caudillo's body was her own. She had suffered a broken nose prior to her contact with the deputies. Deputy Lopez stated Suspect Caudillo's [REDACTED] fled the area, and has not been interviewed regarding this incident.

Suspect Caudillo was transported to LCMC, where she was treated for a fractured jaw by Dr. Tray Sheen under patient number [REDACTED].

**Alan S. Soohoo Emp. # [REDACTED]**

Deputy Soohoo stated substantially the same as Deputy Lopez and Deputy Sandoval. Refer to his supplemental report (Refer to Exhibit "B" Supplemental Reports) for further details.

**Edelmira Parra, Emp. # [REDACTED]**

Deputy Parra stated substantially the same as Deputy Lopez and Deputy Sandoval. Refer to her supplemental report (Refer to Exhibit "B" Supplemental Reports) for further details.

## **Civilian Witness**

██████████ FH/██████████

Ms. ██████ stated she was standing in front of her house at ██████ when Suspect Caudillo approached her. At a distance of approximately three feet, Suspect Caudillo said, "Come on" and lunged at Ms. ██████. Ms. ██████ stepped away from Suspect Caudillo, retreated to her home, and called 911. Ms. ██████ stated, had she not moved away from the Suspect, she would have suffered a stab wound.

Ms. ██████ did not witness the use of force.

## **Suspect Interview**

### **Cynthia Caudillo**

Suspect Caudillo was interviewed at LCMC by Sergeant Sean J. Dane, # ██████ on August 25, 2009, at 0335 hours. The interview was recorded on video tape (Refer to DVD, Exhibit "D").

**IAB Note:** Suspect Caudillo appeared to be under the influence of some unknown drug when she was interviewed by Sergeant Dane. Her speech was slow, and slurred.

Suspect Caudillo stated she had been cooking dinner at her home when she became involved in a "family issue." Suspect Caudillo refused to go into any details regarding the "family issue" nor would she identify who the "family issue" involved. She said, "It doesn't make any difference." Suspect Caudillo stated she chased this person from her house while brandishing a knife. She stated the knife was used for "respect."

Suspect Caudillo she couldn't locate the person she was chasing. She stated an officer came out of the alley and started yelling at her. She said she was ordered to throw down the knife. Suspect Caudillo stated she complied with the officer's request, and that she didn't "resist arrest." She stated after she threw the knife down, she was shot a second time.

Suspect Caudillo stated her nose was injured prior to her contact with the deputies.